

Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI

What a lot the infant emperor of China knows for his age!

Six comets are visiting the sun. Stumping the solar system?

An election in Switzerland seems to attract about as much attention as its navy.

Few headline writers can tell of a fall of snow without allusions to "The Beautiful."

A Texas town of 4,000 has not seen a wedding in three years, but has had two lynchings parties.

It cost a Missouri man \$35 to shoot a redbird and it could not have been such great sport, either.

About all that can be said in favor of a double chin is that it has some prestige in an argument.

Capt. Elmer Baldwin will try to locate the north pole in 1915. It may be a common fault by then.

Grapefruit is beginning to crowd out the cantaloupe, and the latter no doubt sees what its fate is to be.

The megaphone would be a valuable thing on the farm, where it could be used to call the hired man at 4 a. m.

The financial success of some of our popular actors is indicated by the amount of alimony they are able to pay.

We base our prediction of a long cold winter on the fact that this year's chestnut worms are farther than usual.

Taxes have gone so high in Japan that the little nation may not feel like whipping anybody for several years to come.

On the Isthmus of Panama there are 4,786 bachelors and only 187 spinsters. Go south, young woman—go south!

College women do not indulge in divorce, says one of them. To the prospective marrier this should be warning enough.

Reports from Los Angeles indicate that a drunken Japanese with a loaded gun is as dangerous as a drunken Caucasian.

A masseur has been fined for practicing medicine. It will soon be unsafe to put a wet towel on a sick friend's brow.

The difference between a banquet and a dinner is that the former consists of a great deal of talk without much to eat.

They teach logic in colleges and yet the football scores when compared occasionally lead to some most illogical results.

The preachers who decry baseball should raise their own batting average if they want to increase interest in their own work.

In Tucson eggs have been selling for 20 cents apiece. Burbank should hasten to develop a species of cactus that will lay eggs.

The men who plastered their auto number with mud and hurried away after a casualty have done the same to their consciences.

Cleveland has unveiled a statue of Wagner. At this distance it cannot be seen whether it is a statue to Honor or to Wilhelm Richard.

Mrs. Majorie Gould Drexler's little daughter is set down as a \$30,000,000 baby, but there are others that can not be bought at even that price.

There is a good deal of talk now about "paper-bag cooking," but without having tried it we shouldn't think a paper bag would taste good, no matter how it may be cooked.

A Kansas judge scoffs at the idea of love at first sight. Probably he is one of those phlegmatic fellows who keep the girls guessing for seven years and then marry in doubt.

It ought to be easy for a good many wives to get new sealskin coats this winter. An eastern court has granted a divorce to a woman because her husband concealed his real character from her when they were married.

A Frenchman who has become enthusiastic about baseball is going to try to make it the French national game. A boys' baseball game would be a Quaker meeting compared with two nines of excitable Frenchmen engaging in the sport.

Goats' milk comes strongly recommended as a new cure for febrility. Try it—on some friend.

"There will be no art in masculine fashions," says an English artist, "until men discard trousers." Tush! Look at the hats some of the men are wearing this year.

The Wrights have a new safety device for aviators. If it don't work any better than the safety devices on elevators the rate of risk on aviators will not be reduced.

Queen Louise of Denmark is 60 years old, but, being a queen, she does not look it.

Speaking of families which go to the dogs, a Massachusetts woman wants a divorce because her husband insisted on keeping eighteen bitches in the kitchen.

There is in Boston a woman who believes her cat possesses the soul of a king. Still, even that is perhaps not the most foolish thing that is believed by a Boston woman.

NANKING SHELLED BY REBEL FORCES

BOMBARDMENT BEGINS WITH GUNS IN FIFTEEN-MILE RADIUS FIRING INTO CITY.

SHIPS READY TO ATTACK

Four Rebel Cruisers in Harbor to Support Assault From Hillsides—Japanese Consulate Harbors Viceroy of City.

Nanking.—After more than half a century of silence, the hills overlooking the walled city of Nanking, the ancient capital of China, swarm with rebellious forces eager for its occupation, and determined to overthrow the last stronghold of the Manchus south of the Yang Tse.

From the Tiger Hill fort for several hours big guns spoke repeatedly, while farther up along the northeastern range, from the top of Purple Mountain, overlooking the Ming tombs, for a fifteen mile semicircle westward to the Yang Tse, smaller forts scattered shells into every section of the city.

So far as known, the casualty list is not large. Gen. Wong, second in command of the defenders, is among those killed.

Imperialists Driven Back.

In the earlier part of the day the imperialists attempted a sortie against the attacking forces, with a view to recapturing their positions and guns, but were driven back inside the walls with considerable losses.

The Tiger Hill batteries meanwhile were pounding shells into Lion Hill. They silenced the Manchu batteries there, which, it is suspected, were of little value.

The object of the first seizure of Tiger Hill was shown by the early appearance of four rebel cruisers and later in the day of other warships.

The viceroy of Nanking and Tartar general, in fear of Gen. Chang, the imperialist commander, have taken refuge in the Japanese consulate, in which only the consul remained. He is the sole official foreigner representative in Nanking. The consul is well guarded by marines.

Durbar Cargo Is Stranded.

Calcutta, India.—The steamship Beachy, from London, is stranded at Minicoy. She has on board a large consignment of articles for use in the durbar at Delhi. These include the harness for King George's horses, many women's gowns and men's uniforms and 400 cases of fireworks.

Hangs for Slaying Blacks.

St. Marys, Ga.—For the murder of a negro woman and her daughter, King, this state, J. A. O'Berry, a white man, was hanged here today. This, it is believed, is the first time in the history of the state that a white man has been executed for killing a negro.

Writes Beattie Novels Dies.

New York.—Writing a story of the Beattie murder and waiting on her sick mother and sister was too much for Avis Sarah Jackson, novelist, and she died a few moments after Beattie's execution.

La Crosse, Wis.—Competition of the first 16 miles of the 16-foot channel in the Mississippi river to be established between St. Paul and St. Louis was announced here by Capt. W. A. Thompson, U. S. engineer.

Pope Receives Farley.

Rome.—Pope Pius gave a private audience to Archbishop Farley of New York. The reception was tendered with considerable ceremony and at its conclusion, in response to the cardinal-designate's expressions of gratitude, the pontiff said it had long been his desire to recognize the loyalty of the Catholic church in America and the merit of the archbishop of New York.

Dietz Fights for New Trial.

Milwaukee, Wis.—What promises to be a bitter fight for a new trial for John F. Dietz commenced here when counsel for the state and the convicted Cameron Dam defender appeared before Judge Reid to agree on a bill of exceptions the defense will file with the supreme court.

Spencer Found Guilty.

Springfield, Mass.—A verdict of murder in the first degree was returned against Bertram G. Spencer, the "Jekyll-Hyde" slayer, who killed Miss Martha B. Blackstone, while robbing the house at which she was visiting.

Society Crowd at Club Sees Murder.

Mexico City.—Pablo Escandon, son of the former governor of the federal district, was shot fatally by Manuel de Asunsolo, former Madero leader, at the Jockey club, in the presence of a society crowd.

Philadelphia Slayer Convicted.

Philadelphia.—Frank W. McMahon, who shot and killed George A. Leary, a wealthy real estate operator, whom he accused of betraying his 18-year-old daughter, was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury.

Louisville Beer Price Up.

Louisville, Ky.—The climate in high cost of living has come here with an announcement of increase in the price of beer by breweries because of the high price of ingredients. They will make glasses shorter.

Perkins in Conference.

Washington.—George W. Perkins, one of the defendants in the government's suit against the steel trust, had a conference with President Taft. It is supposed they discussed the litigation against the trusts.

A BEGINNING ON THE MESSAGE



TWO OF TAR PARTY GUILTY MORSE PARDON REFUSED

KANSAS JURY HAD BEEN OUT DAY AND HALF.

Must Also Pay Court Costs, But Will Time to Settle Their Affairs—Four Others Get Year.

Lincoln, Center, Kansas.—Two of the three defendants in the "tar party" case, John Schmidt and Sherill Clark, were found guilty of assault and battery by a jury in Judge Grover's court that had been out since 11:30 o'clock Thursday morning. A. N. Simms, the third defendant, was acquitted.

At a night session of the court sentence was deferred and the defense given until December 18 to prepare a motion for a new trial.

Earlier in the day in the same court sentences of one year each in the county jail, the extreme penalty in Kansas for the offense charged, were passed on Everett G. Clark, Jay Fitzwater, Watson Scranton and Edward Ricord, confessed assailants of Mary Chamberlain. These defendants were accused of the same crime as the other men.

In addition to the sentences, the court ruled that the men must pay the costs of the prosecution. An effort was made by attorneys for Fitzwater and Clark to have the court entertain a motion to grant an appeal to the supreme court on the ground that the sentence was excessive. This motion was not passed on.

AGAINST EQUAL SUFFRAGE

Mrs. J. P. Morgan Tells Association Her Trip to Colorado Opened Her Eyes.

New York City.—Mrs. J. P. Morgan has become an ardent anti-suffragist. Her conversion took place last spring when she spent a week in Colorado and saw conditions there, she was told, to the enfranchisement of women. She returned and immediately enrolled in the New York State association opposed to woman suffrage. The fact was told at the association's luncheon in Sherry's.

CUMMINGS SENT TO JAIL

Tennessee Financier Gets Indeterminate Sentence on Trust Company Larceny Charge.

New York City.—W. J. Cummings, the Tennessee financier, adjudged guilty of the larceny of \$140,000 from the Carnegie Trust company, which he manipulated as part of the machinery of his get-rich-quick methods, was sentenced to serve not less than four years, eight months, or more than eight years and eight months in prison, by Justice Davis in the criminal branch of the supreme court.

45 of Crew Drowned.

Tokio, Japan.—The Japanese torpedo boat destroyer Harusameh, driven by a storm upon a reef off Cape Sima, sank with the loss of 45 members of its crew of 60.

Many Injured in Trolley Car Collision. Halleyville, Kas.—In a head-on collision between trolley cars on the Grand Island road many persons were injured, but there were no deaths.

Train Kills Three Autoists.

San Bernardino, Cal.—Three persons were killed and two others seriously, perhaps fatally, injured when an inbound train from Riverside wrecked an automobile at a grade crossing near Colton.

Fire Sweeps Balkan Town.

Buda Pesth.—Fire swept the town of Visoka, destroying 300 houses and leaving hundreds homeless. Visoka has a population of 5,000, and for a time it was feared that it would be completely wiped out.

Shoots Two and Himself.

Cordell, Okla.—William Davis, an automobile salesman, shot his father-in-law, D. A. Vaughn, and Vaughn's 4-year-old daughter, Eva, both of whom probably will die, and then killed himself.

Turks Besiege Tripoli.

Paris.—That the town of Tripoli is virtually besieged by Turks and that it is in no better situation, is the opinion of the correspondent of the Temps, who has succeeded in joining the Ottoman forces.

MRS. PATTERSON TELLS HER STORY

WOMAN WHO SHOT HUSBAND TELLS OF BARGAIN MADE WITH ANOTHER MAN.

HAS WITNESS TO BLOWS

Woman Tells of Many Severe Beatings and Threats—Objection to Admissibility of Testimony Is Overruled.

Denver, Colo.—Gertrude Gibson Patterson, charged with the murder of her husband, Charles A. Patterson, took the stand in her own defense and commenced the recital of her married life by which her counsel hopes to free her. An hour later the defense had passed its most critical stage.

In November, she said, Patterson began to make incessant demands for money, which she was unable to give him. "One day he said to me: 'I know how to fix it so neither of us will have to work. You go down to George's place. I don't care what you do so long as I am on it.'"

"Some time afterward," Mrs. Patterson went on, "Mr. Patterson asked me to make a proposition to Emil W. Strauss, of whose friendship for me he knew. He said: 'You tell Strauss to rent an apartment and live with you as his wife and have me live under the same roof.' I ordered him from the flat and he gave me my first beating, from which I was in bed for two days."

Then Mrs. Patterson told how she had met Strauss casually on the street and had told him of the unhappiness of her married life. "He said he pitied me," Mrs. Patterson continued, "and that he was going to Europe and wished he could take me with him. I told Mr. Patterson and he said: 'Tell Strauss he can take you to Europe with him if he gives me \$1500.' And when I refused he called me vile names."

JAIL FOR MRS. LAWRENCE

English Suffragette Leader Sentenced as Lloyd George Promises to Aid Women.

London, England.—Bow Street police court still is trying suffragettes. There have been no acquittals thus far, and every prisoner given her choice between imprisonment and a fine has chosen the former. The suffragette leaders promise another demonstration in a few days.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, next to the Pankhursts probably the most prominent suffragette in England, and a woman high in the country social life, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment for striking a policeman in the face. She is an editor of a suffrage paper.

SIXTY KILLED IN WRECK

Torrent Had Caused Loire Viaduct to Collapse as Express Came—Victims Die in Floods.

Paris, France.—Sixty persons were killed in a passenger train on the Western State railway when it plunged through the ruins of a bridge over the river Loire at Saumur.

A number of bodies have been recovered. The bridge had been wrecked by floods.

The train, which had started from Angiers, contained about 100 passengers. While it was crossing the bridge the structure crashed with the whole train of cars into the swollen stream.

LABOR MEN LOSE IN SUIT

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison Must Stand Trial Again for Contempt.

Washington, D. C.—Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, labor leaders, must again stand trial in the supreme court of the District of Columbia on charges of contempt arising out of the Buck's Stove and Range case.

Justice Wright handed down a decision overruling the motion of the labor leaders for a dismissal of the proceedings under the statute of limitations.

Hosiery Company President Dies.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Carl Freschi, 69 years old, died at his home here. Freschi was president of the Holy Proof Hosiery company and originator of the guaranteed hosiery idea.

Mayor Charged With Immorality.

Columbus, O.—Sensational charges are made against Mayor Arthur H. Turnbull of Canton in the petition for his impeachment made public by Governor Harmon. The petition alleges Turnbull permitted police graft.

Ambassador China Envoy to U. S.

Washington, D. C.—The appointment of Viscount Sotomi Chinda to be ambassador to the United States from Japan was announced officially at the state department. Ambassador Chinda is representing Japan at Berlin.

\$1,000,000 Animal Hospital.

Boston, Mass.—A hospital for animals, costing \$1,000,000, is to be erected as a permanent memorial to Geo. T. Angell, founder of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

California Bars Women Jurors.

Sacramento, Cal.—Attorney General U. S. Webb ruled against women serving as jurors in this state, the question having been raised as a result of the suffrage constitutional amendment.

REORGANIZED



LIGHT IS SPREADING SENATE IS NOT REPUBLICAN

Democratic Measures Likely Henceforth to Command Majority in Upper House.

Recent elections had no effect upon the United States senate as regards the political control. There are now 42 Democrats and 49 Republicans in that body, 10 of the Republicans being classed as insurgents, who are almost sure to vote with the Democrats on certain large issues. There is one vacancy in Colorado, caused by the failure of the legislature to elect. This is likely to be filled by a Democrat, in which case the senate will stand 43 to 49. The New Mexico legislature may possibly be controlled by a coalition of Democrats and progressive Republicans with a small majority on joint ballot. In that case the two new senatorships will be divided, one going to the Democrats and the other to the progressive Republicans, in which case the senate will stand with the Colorado vacancy filled, 44 Democrats and 50 Republicans, 11 of the latter being straight-out progressives toward the Democratic side in important matters. If the straight-out Republicans control in New Mexico and elect two senators, the upper house will stand 43 Democrats and 51 Republicans. The Arizona legislature will be elected in December and it is expected that it will be Democratic, sending two members of that party to the senate. On this basis the full senate of 98 members, when all are elected, will stand 46 Democrats and 50 Republicans, if New Mexico returns a Democrat and a Progressive Republican, the 11 Progressive Republicans holding the balance of power. In these circumstances it will take only three changes from the Republican to the Democratic side to wipe out the Republican ostensible majority entirely and give the Democrats, for the first time since 1897, the absolute control of the senate. In the 1913 class of senatorial seats are several which may possibly be regarded as open to contest, such as those from New Jersey, Nebraska, Colorado, Montana and Delaware. In any event there is little likelihood of a straight-out Republican majority in the senate for several years to come, even with the best of luck for the Republican party.

PEOPLE EVIDENTLY CONSIDERING TARIFF QUESTION.

State elections in the off years of ten show very different results from the pronouncements of general elections, but this cannot be regarded as an off year for obvious reasons. The tariff is quite as much at issue in the present election as it can be in 1912, for there is a disposition in every manufacturing state to show to the national administration the attitude of the people toward the Payne-Aldrich tariff. Massachusetts and Rhode Island are states commonly recognized as irrevocably wedded to high protection. Senator Lodge is one of the foremost of the unpunctured reactionaries since the passing of Aldrich and Hale, and, as chief representative of the protected interests of his state, there can be no doubt but he brought every possible influence to bear in the election just held. The attitude of Massachusetts this fall is reasonably assured to afford a forecast as to what its attitude will be in the next general election. It is therefore quite remarkable that Eugene N. Foss should have been elected at all. Such comfort as the standpoint element in the federal government can derive from his diminished plurality should not be begrudged, for it is but a chilly comfort. It poses the state of Massachusetts in the most hopeful states to be counted in the next national election.

Rhode Island gives an increased Republican majority, which is not to be wondered at, because an overwhelming majority of the electors are residents of its chief manufacturing city and many thousands are mill operatives from foreign lands, who are subject to the influence of the men who operate the industries and care very little about politics except as they think it concerns their jobs and their wages. The solemn assurance of the mill owners that any abatement of the tariff will mean a cut in wages and a possible shutdown of the mills will stampede them like sheep into the political fold of their employers. The anti-tariff wave has evidently not abated.

Don't Get Gay.

Attorney General Wickersham says he cannot understand why a small business man injured by a trust does not take advantage of the law which permits the collection, by civil action, of threefold damages.

This is positively Mr. Wickersham's first appearance as a humorist. If he were not at the head of the department of justice he would not be funny at all. By the time that a trust gets through with a small business man the small business man has about as much fight in him as a chipmunk. If he were able to fight he would first of all have to prove that there was a trust, and that is something that the attorney general, with all the power of the United States behind him, has not done many times as yet.

Exit Standpattism.

We can see no hope for standpattism anywhere in the country except as Democrats shall imitate its crimes and follies. It is not necessary to mention these offenses here, but for the purpose of a record it may be said that they are false pretense and broken faith.—St. Louis Republic.

Real Tariff Board.

The only tariff board that amounts to anything is that which the tariff grinders get, plus lodging, champagne and so forth in the way of a guaranteed "reasonable profit."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Two Hard Problems.

Great are the audacities of modern engineering. British engineers are preparing to bridge the Lower Ganges and President Taft is now engaged in an attempt to span the gap between the insurgents and the standpatters.

Standpatters Die Hard.

In Philadelphia, where the regular Republican candidate for mayor was beaten by the fusion nominee, the standpatters tried to make it appear that the defeat of their man would mean the death and burial of the protective tariff. They feel differently about it now and they find that the old plundering device is working over time as usual. It will take more than a city election to kill that system.